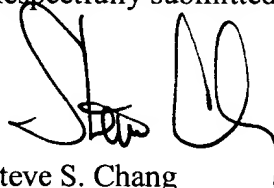


REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were pending in the Action, and Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-7, 15-18 and 24-25. Upon entry of the present paper, the remaining claims 8-14 and 19-23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer so that the present application may be permitted to issue. Applicants will pursue claims 8-14 and 19-23 in a continuation application to be filed shortly.

Applicants believe that the present amendment places this application in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner feel that further discussion and/or amendment would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve S. Chang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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